GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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PASSPORT ADALATS
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Passport Adalats are being held in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the number of Passport Adalats held in 2001-2002:

(c) the towns where such Passport Adalats were held; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken to streamline passport issuing procedure ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH)

a) Yes, Sir.

b) During the year 2001-2002, three Passport Adalats have been held in Andhra Pradesh, so far.

c) These Adalats were held in the following cities:

(i) Cudappah (14 and 15.09.2001)

(ii) Vishakhapatnam (21.07.2001)

(iii) Hyderabad (03.11.2001)

d) Streamlining of passport issuing procedure is an on-going process. The various measures taken are
(i) computerisation of processing procedures,
(ii) simplification of passport application form,
(iii) decentralisation of passport services to enable submission of completed application form at designated speed post centres,
(iv) introduction of Tatkal Scheme for issue of out of turn passports of short validity in urgent cases,
(v) introduction of machine writing of passports and
(vi) rationalisation of police verification procedures.